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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner David J. Walczak	Art Unit 3751	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-38 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to a writing instrument having a casting thereon, classified in class 401, subclass 195.
- II. Claims 18-38, drawn to a casting process, classified in class 164.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made from another and materially different process, such as a process which does not require coating a workpiece with heat-resistant coating material or a centrifugal casting mold.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Alfred Eisele on 4/4/05 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-17. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action.

Claims 18-38 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because phrases which can be implied, such as "is provided" and "also provided" (see lines 1 and 8) should not be present therein. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Citrenbaum. Citrenbaum discloses a hand held writing implement 11 which inherently has a barrel, writing mechanism and writing tip (see column 3, line 39) and a three-dimensional metal (see column 3, line 12) casting (see column 5, line 2) extending circumferentially therearound.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

Art Unit: 3751

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Citrenbaum. In regard to claims 2-8, although the Citrenbaum reference does not disclose the particular type of writing implement employed, it is the Examiner's position that the disclosed gripping element can be used on any type of writing implement (made from any suitable material), including the claimed implements and materials, without effecting the overall operation of the device, especially since the Applicant has not indicated that the structure of the writing implement in the instant invention is critical to the scope of the invention. In regard to claims 9-13, although the Citrenbaum reference does not disclose the specifically claimed metal used to make the casting, the reference does imply that any suitable metal may be used (see column 3, lines 11-13). Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the casting in the Citrenbaum device can be made from any suitable metal, including the claimed metals, without effecting the overall operation of the device. In regard to claims 14-17, as discussed supra, it is the Examiner's position that the casting can be used on any suitable writing instrument and made from any suitable material.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Solinger and Sloan references are cited for disclosing other writing implements having metal elements secured thereto.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Walczak whose telephone number is 571-272-4895. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 6:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 571-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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